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1. WESTINGHOUSE REPS FROUD AND GEIKLER CALLED ON POLCOUN AUGUST 28 TO CLARIFY WHAT THEY THOUGHT WAS MISUNDERSTANDING OF COMPANY'S POSITION ON DIVERTING RADAR UNIT FROM IRAN TO ETHIOPIA. COMPANY IS GLAD TO SELL ANOTHER 43C AND BELIEVES IT CAN BE DONE WITHOUT DELAYING EMPLOYMENT BY IRAN OF SYSTEMS ALREADY CONTRACTED FOR, BUT DOES NOT WANT TO BE ONE TO SUGGEST DEAL TO GOI FOR FEAR IT WILL BE THOUGHT TO BE WELCHING ON COMMERCIAL DELIVERY AGREEMENT. WESTINGHOUSE, LIKE EMBASSY AND ARMISH/MAAG, BELIEVES ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE ONE PRESSING GOI TO ALLOW DIVERSION. AFTER INITIAL APPROACH BY IEG, WESTINGHOUSE AND MAAG WOULD FOLLOW UP TO SUPPORT REQUEST, POINTING OUT GOI COULD NOT EMPLOY RADAR UNTIL SITE IS PREPARED, BY WHICH TIME SUBSTITUTE UNIT WOULD BE AVAILABLE. IN EFFECT, DEAL WOULD CONSTITUTE IRANIAN ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIA AT NO COST.

2. DEPT OR USAF MAY WISH TO SUGGEST ABOVE PROCEDURE TO IEG. PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED OF WHETHER OR WHEN IEG PLANS TO MAKE REQUEST OF GOI SO WE CAN FOLLOW UP HERE.

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